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For : INFORMATION STORAGE DEVICE HAVING A DIVIDED AREA IN
MEMORY AREA

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 4, 2008 and the Advisory Action of March 25, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 4, 2009, and which has been extended by the enclosed Request for Extension of Time set to expire on April 6, 2009 (April 4, 2009 being a Saturday), the present Response being submitted concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection set forth in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.